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Dr. Henry Tsuchiya  
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Dear Henry:

Thank you for the samples and information of the dextrans. The achievable densities and refractive indices are lower than I had hoped for, but we will give them a trial at the next suitable occasion.

I am sorry you did not get to talk at length with S. G. Bradley. I mention Dr. Bradley's name again to you for the very ulterior reason that he is looking for a job for next year. He has been working on the genetics of actinomyces, but his interests are somewhat broader. If there would be a good place for someone with his background in your laboratories, let me know so that I may send you a more complete dossier. Some of your remarks about possibly trying to breed more suitable strains of dextran-producers suggested the likelihood.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics